

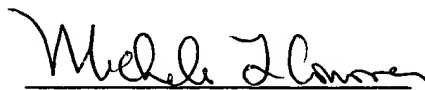
REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-15, and 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0206652 (Nister) in view of Snow, *et al.*, "Exact Voxel Occupancy with Graph Cuts", IEEE 2000, and claims 11 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Nister and Snow, and further in view of Goldberg, *et al.*, "A New Approach to the Maximum Flow Problem", Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery, 35(4):921-940 (Oct. 1988). The Examiner objected to claims 5 and 16 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations of their base claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for so indicating. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 12 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 5 and 16, respectively, and has canceled claims 5 and 16. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant urges that independent claims 1 and 12, as amended, recite patentable subject matter, and that the Examiner's rejections of dependent claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-15, and 17-22 claims are now moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these section 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant urges that claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-22 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated. Early and favorable action on this case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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